

Living & Learning

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BISD BOND PROGRESS

District enters first phase of construction projects

Summer, 2005 Projects

Following voter approval on February 26 of \$104.5 million in bonds, Bryan ISD staff wasted little time in making plans for work to begin this summer. With only the months of June and July available, projects were proposed that had a reasonable chance of getting planned and completed before school started in August. Therefore, Fannin, Johnson and Crockett were selected to kick off the bond program.

At Fannin Elementary, a variety of finish upgrades are planned, including new carpet, paint and ceiling tile. Some minor modifications in the administration area will allow for better serving of students with special programs. Site work will include a modification to the service drive, drainage modifications, and a new bike rack.

At Johnson Elementary, renovations in the administration area will provide an enlarged clinic and teacher lounge, and a new reception area to make it more functional. The classroom area in the main building will get new carpet as well as new casework in the classrooms.

Mechanical upgrades are also taking place at Fannin and Johnson. This is to replace aging HVAC equipment with more energy efficient systems.

The Crockett Elementary project will be much larger and more complex, but it was decided to proceed with Phase 1 this summer and address the buckled floor in the gym. The existing floor will be demolished and replaced with a sport surface.

In addition to those projects funded by sale of voter approved bonds, the Board of Trustees has set aside funds to address a number of other projects. The most visible of these is Phase 1 at Viking Stadium, which is to build new restroom/concession stand buildings. Handicap access inside the stadium will also be addressed.

Another maintenance-related project planned for this summer is replacing a portion of the Bryan High School roof.

Architect Selection

In April, 2005, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was mailed to 19 architectural firms which had expressed an interest in the bond construction program. Statements of Qualifications (SOQ's) were received from 17 firms. The



Concrete is poured on May 31 at Viking Stadium, as workers continue progress on construction of new restrooms and concessions buildings. Though not part of the recently-passed bond, this project is just one of many for Bryan ISD in the coming months.

SOQ's were screened and ranked according to stated criteria to create a pool of applicant firms. On May 10, 2005, a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees met with Mike Cargill, Superintendent of Schools, and reviewed SOQ's from firms that were determined most qualified. From this group, two firms were interviewed for the High School #2 and Middle School #4 projects. On May 24 the subcommittee met to select firms from the applicant pool for the other bond construction projects. The Board of Trustees considered recommendations for architect selection at its regular June 7 meeting.

New School Sites

Progress continues toward completing the purchase of land on Old Reliance Road for High School #2. Environmental and boundary surveys are complete. A development agreement is being developed to outline details for extension of Austin's Colony Boulevard and bringing utilities to the school site. Plans are for the site purchase to be finalized in June.

The purchase of the site for Middle School #4 on North Earl Rudder Freeway and North Texas Avenue will close sometime this summer as well. The site for the new Bonham Elementary is already owned by the district.

A site feasibility study is underway to identify an appropriate space for the new Gymnastics Gym at Bryan High School. This information will be provided to the project architect once selected.

Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation

■ *Bryan ISD School Nutrition Services provides free meals to kids*

Bryan ISD Child Nutrition Services is serving free meals to Bryan/College Station children at 17 sites this summer. Meals are served to any child between the ages of 1-18. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was established to ensure that children continue to grow and learn during the summer. These meals provide essential nutrients for active, growing children.



The Summer Food Service Program is a USDA program administered by the Texas Department of Health and Human Services that provides funds for non-profits, schools, and local governments to serve nutritious meals free to children during the summer months.

All sites are considered "open" sites. This means any child is eligible for a free meal even if they are not enrolled in the program at the site.

To participate in the free meals program all kids have to do is show up at a feeding site.

*** You don't need proof of income.**

*** You don't need to register.**

*** You don't need a meal ticket.**

To find out more about the Summer Food Program in Bryan/College Station, contact Bryan ISD School Nutrition Services at 209-7052.



Summer Feeding Schedule

Locations	Dates	Breakfast	Lunch
*BHS-Silver	June 1 - June 30	7:15 - 8:15 a.m.	11:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Neal Elementary	May 31 - Aug. 5	7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	10:45 - 12:45 p.m.
Mitchell Elementary	July 5 - Aug. 5	No Breakfast	11:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Mitchell Elementary	July 18 - 29	7:30 - 8:00 a.m.	11:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Jones Elementary	May 31 - July 1	7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	10:30 - 12:30 p.m.
*Jones Elementary	July 11 - Aug. 4	7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	11:00 - 12:00 noon
Stephen F. Austin	June 7 - July 1	7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	11:00 - 12:00 noon
Rayburn Middle School	May 31 - July 1	7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	11:00 - 12:00 noon
Long Middle School	June 7 - July 1	7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	11:00 - 12:00 noon
*Long Middle School	July 11 - Aug. 4	7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	11:00 - 12:00 noon
Boys & Girls Club	May 31 - Aug. 5	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	11:30 - 12:15 p.m.
Shiloh Baptist Church	May 31 - Aug. 5	7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	11:45 - 12:30 p.m.
Lincoln Center	May 31 - Aug. 5	No Breakfast	11:30 - 12:30 p.m.
**Bonham Park	May 31 - July 8	No Breakfast	12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
**Henderson Park	May 31 - July 8	No Breakfast	12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
**Williamson Park	May 31 - July 8	No Breakfast	12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
**Sadie Thomas Park	May 31 - July 8	No Breakfast	12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
**Villa West Park	May 31 - July 8	No Breakfast	12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
Sue Haswell Park	June 6 - June 17	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	No Lunch
	June 27 - July 1	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	No Lunch
	July 11 - July 29	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	No Lunch
*Kemp Elementary	July 11 - Aug. 4	7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	11:00 - 12:00 noon

*Monday-Thursday only

**sack lunch meal

Note: All sites will be closed Monday, July 4th. Meal service times are subject to change.

B-CS border redesign to feature sculpture, plaza

■ Texas Avenue location to be dedicated in 2006

Look at the place where the cities of Bryan and College Station come together at Texas Avenue and you'll see two very typical gateway signs surrounded by rocks and native plant life. Not exactly exciting or inspiring; in fact, you may have driven by it a thousand times without noticing.

All that may change by next spring, when the site will be transformed into an eye-catching area featuring a larger-than-life bronze sculpture in a tiled and arched Unity Plaza.

Keep Brazos Beautiful is credited with securing a Governor's Community Achievement Award in 1998 that allocated \$155,000 for the

Texas Department of Transportation to design and create a landscape improvement project. After numerous delays, the contract for the project is scheduled to begin in September. Weather permitting, sculpture placement and dedication ceremonies will occur in spring 2006.

Not only has TxDOT approved the Unity Plaza design, but the two cities and Texas A&M University have all cleared the way for the attractive gateway design that will include a tiled sign, enhanced sidewalks, lighting, irrigation, crape myrtle trees and roses and the sculpture of two children – one facing Bryan the other facing College Station – releasing doves. The

seven-foot bronze sculpture was created by Gary Price of Utah and is titled "Children of Peace."

The award money from 1998 will pay for landscaping and hardscaping, while the Arts Council of Brazos Valley will pay for the sculpture and four models.



"Children of Peace"

Downtown renovations - now what?

■ Planning & Development Services prepares for Phase II

Soon to become a Bryan landmark, a beautiful, antique-themed street clock is coming to Historic Downtown.

The black clock with gold accents — a \$25,000 gift from six contracting firms — will stand 15 feet tall, have four sides and will be visible at night. It will be located in the median at Main and 26th streets and serves as a perfect metaphor for the time and effort that continues to be poured into the revitalization of Historic Downtown. Installation of the clock could happen in early summer 2005.

An update on Phase II

Meanwhile, Phase II design work in downtown could be completed this summer. Bryan Avenue, from 24th to 28th streets and including the side streets from Main Street to Parker Avenue, offers challenges not faced with Main Street renovations; specifically, taking infrastructure underground — telephone, cable, electrical, fiber optics — while

tending to natural gas, water and wastewater issues.

One challenge facing Planning and Engineering staffs is redesigning Bryan Avenue in a way that compensates for the lack of an alley for business deliveries. One consideration is creation of a designated median. Unlike Main Street's new tree-lined medians, Bryan Avenue would feature varied paving treatments to separate the street, allowing trucks to safely make the necessary deliveries to local business while not infringing on customer parking.

When the Bryan City Council approves construction contracts, physical work will begin on Bryan Avenue to make it a pedestrian-friendly thoroughfare like its Main Street counterpart, complete with historical street lighting, trees and street furniture.

Estimated at \$8 million, Phase II renovations are expected to be a catalyst to economic growth and development in Historic Downtown and surrounding areas of Bryan.

Bryan Public Library offering varied activities

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Bryan Public Library
June 2-July 28

Go Wild...Read!

Go Wild...Read! is the library's summer reading program for kids.

The Summer Reading Program is funded by the Friends of the Bryan and College Station Public Library System. Programs are **free** to the public, but they fill up quickly. Come at least 20-minutes before the show starts to get a ticket. For more information contact the Bryan Public Library at (979) 209-5600.

JUNE 2005

Big Rigs

June 8 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Storytelling with Bernadette Nason

June 15 at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Random Acts Puppet Theater

June 22 at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Children's Concert with Laura Freeman

June 29 at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

JULY 2005

Storytelling Concert

July 6 at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Harry Potter Party

July 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Puppets: *Where the Wild Things Are*

July 20 at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Closing

July 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Teen Summer Reading Club

Get Wild... Read! Teen Summer Reading Club is an opportunity for students going into grades 7 and up to read, participate in library activities, and win prizes. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Bryan and College Station Public Library.

Martial Arts Workshop

June 9 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Hip Hop Dance Workshop

June 16 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Class Act Etiquette

June 23 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Guitar/Songwriting Workshop

June 30 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Puppetry Workshop

July 7 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Talent Show Rehearsal

July 14 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Harry Potter Party

July 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Talent Show

July 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Scrapbooking Workshop

July 28 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Also offered this summer are classes on Computer Basics, The Internet, Using the Online Catalog and Reserving Items for Check-out, as well as some intermediate classes on Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Check with the Reference Desk at 209-5600 or visit our website at www.bcslibrary.org for more information about this and other library events.

"I'm bored!"

Have children with nothing to do?

■ Brazos Valley Children's Museum has plenty of options

Are you looking for summer camps for your kids that focus on activities other than sports? If so, the Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley is offering some fun and creative alternatives.

Each of the CMBV's 2005 Summer Camps will provide a hands-on, interactive environment. Here are the basics:

- Each camp is scheduled 9 a.m.-noon for children 5-10 years of age
- Cost: \$65 for CMBV members/\$75 for non-members (additional siblings ½ price)
- Before-care is available 8 a.m.-9 a.m. for an additional \$25 per child, while after-care is available noon-1 p.m. for an additional \$25 per child (children in after-care will provide their own sack lunch).

· Payment in full reserves your child's spot. Pay at the museum or by phone with a credit card. Remember, space is limited, so don't delay! Make your reservation today!

About the CMBV

The Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley is open year-round and offers daily activities, story times, theme weeks, birthday parties, gifts and special events. Located at 111 East 27th Street in Historic Downtown Bryan.

For more information about the museum's schedule or membership opportunities, visit the CMBV on the Web at www.mymuseum.com or call (979) 779-KIDS (5437).



June 13-17 — WONDERFUL WACKY SCIENCE CAMP

Do your children like to mix strange concoctions in the kitchen, or explore the backyard with a magnifying glass? If so, then this camp is just for them. Kids will have so much fun bubbling, fizzing and constructing that they won't even realize the serious science learning that is taking place! Who knows, your child might be a budding chemist, botanist or engineer!

June 27-July 1 — COWBOY & INDIAN LEGENDS & LORE CAMP

Is your child a natural performer, or shy when appearing before an audience? In this camp, kids will gain confidence and self-esteem as they learn from two top, professional storytellers, Doc Moore (The Old Texan) and Tim Tingle (The Choctaw Storyteller). Lots of hands-on, interactive experience with storytelling and story writing will be enhanced by creating story murals, costumes and props. The camp is so much fun that kids never know that increasing their language and literacy skills may be shaping a future author!

July 18-22 — MOZART & MONET - UNEXPECTED MUSIC & ART CAMP

So your child is a budding creative genius who loves music and art, right? If so, this camp offers hands-on, interactive experiences that will provide him or her with the opportunity to express individuality while exploring and creating unexpected masterpieces! Musical experiences may include singing and listening to, or playing, musical instruments. Your pint-sized Picasso will enjoy drawing, painting, pottery-making and experience with other creative mediums.

Water you waiting for?

■ Bryan's cool pools annually host tens of thousands



Question: What do you get when you combine the coolest new spot in Bryan with the hottest months of the year?

Answer: You get Henderson Harbor, the latest Bryan Aquatics

pool, which celebrated its grand opening on May 14.

Henderson Harbor is the signature amenity of the newly-refurbished Henderson Park on Bryan's west side and features a beach-like entrance, a waterslide, a teacup fountain, spray features and lap lanes. The city's fourth pool will help satisfy residents' seemingly insatiable appetite for water activities.

How popular is swimming in Bryan? Consider this: Last year, Bryan Aquatics logged more than 40,000 paid admissions at its three swimming pools. With the addition of Henderson Harbor, those numbers are expected to increase dramatically. All Bryan pools — Bryan Aquatic Center, Sue Haswell Pool, Sadie Thomas Pool and Henderson Harbor — offer swim lessons, special programs, recre-

ational swimming and are available for group rentals.

The programs and facilities offered by Bryan Aquatics touch residents of all ages. Whether it's swimming lessons, lifeguard and water safety courses or competitive swimming, Bryan Aquatics is ready to serve your family's needs.

Summer 2005 Highlights

Friday Fun Days - Free and fun. Did we mention free? Every Friday during summer months at Sadie Thomas Pool.

Family Fun Nights - Sunday evenings for families to swim together. Bryan Aquatic Center & Henderson Harbor, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

June 25 - Movie Night at the Bryan Aquatic Center, *Shrek*, \$5

July 3 - Come celebrate Independence Day with Aquablast! Bryan Aquatic Center & Henderson Harbor, Noon-5 p.m., \$3

July 23 - Movie Night at the Bryan Aquatic Center, *Shrek 2*, \$5

For complete details, call (979) 209-5222, or visit Bryan Aquatics on the Web at <http://www.bryantx.gov/departments/parks>.

Outstanding! BISD employees receive recognition



Outstanding Bryan ISD employees and retirees were recognized at the 2005 Awards Program May 27 at the Bryan Civic Auditorium. Awards were also presented to employees with 15, 20, 25, and 30 or more years of service.

Stephen F. Austin cafeteria manager Tanya Griffin was named Auxiliary Employee of the Year. Receiving Paraprofessional of the Year honors was Nadine Eaton, Carver Early Childhood Center teaching assistant.

Professional Specialist of the Year was Dr. Mary Barringer, BISD School Psychologist. Neal Elementary principal Linda Asberry was named Administrator of the Year.

Outstanding Teachers of the Year were Brenda Good of Mitchell Elementary and Kyle Jones of Sam Rayburn Middle School.

Summer school, programs keeping students busy

The calendar says June, but for many Bryan teachers and students, the learning continues throughout the summer.

Summer school is in full swing at all grade levels. High school students are taking advantage of accelerated programs during June. Campus retention programs for grades 6-8 are being held at all middle schools.

Bilingual summer school for grades Pre-K - 5 will run from June 7 - July 1

at Jones Elementary.

Accelerated reading and math is also being taught for fifth graders who failed one or more sections of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). These students are receiving intensive instruction centered around high-interest reading material. They are also learning problem-solving through hands-on approaches.

These fifth graders will have another opportunity to

master the TAKS on June 28-29.

Academic pursuits aren't the only activity available this summer. A variety of sports camps are being offered for children of all ages. A listing of these may be found on the Bryan ISD website www.bryanisd.org at this link:

www.bryanisd.org/default.asp?pageID=124

For more information on any of these programs, contact Bryan ISD at 209-1000.

Brazos Valley Museum hosting Nature Camps

Science: past, present, & future is the theme for The Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History annual Summer Nature Camps.

Through games, crafts, and interactive lessons (everything from building volcanoes to making paper), campers will learn about sciences that work toward uncovering our past, preserving our planet, and improving our future.

The week-long Museum camps are targeted for children ages four to twelve. The camps began the week of June 6 and will continue through the week of July 25, for a total of eight weeks.

June 13-17

"Prehistoric Life"

We'll walk among ancient giants! We'll cover dinosaurs and ice age animals along with other ancient animals.

June 20-24

"Early Earth"

This week we'll explore the many changes Earth has undergone over time.

June 27-July 1

"Conservation"

We'll learn about types of

pollution, the importance of recycling, and explore ideas of what kids can do to help preserve our planet.

July 4-8

"Marine Life"

We will learn about marine life in both freshwater and saltwater and the importance of water in our lives. *Please note: Camp session will meet on July 4th.*

July 11-15

"Balance of Nature"

We'll learn about plants and animals roles, and we'll also look into what may happen when the ecological balance becomes disrupted.

July 18-22

"Big Roles for Creepy Crawlies"

We'll work toward gaining a better understanding of the important roles that insects and other slimy critters play.

July 25-29

"Engineering for Kids"

We'll look into early inventions and how they helped shape today's world.

Camp costs are \$135 per week for members and \$145 per week for non-members. Discounts are available for pre-

registration of multiple campers.

Extension Day Camps

The summer adventure continues with Summer Extension Day Camps. This week will offer summer camp hours at "mini camp" prices. Day camps will run from August 1-5. This year's topic is "Career Week for Young Naturalist". A variety of guest speakers with natural history background will visit with campers and give some insight into their careers.

Campers may sign up by the day or for the week.

Camps will run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and will cost \$30/day for members, and \$32/day for non-members. (\$10 discount for registration of all 5 days.) Before-camp drop-off and after-camp pick-up will be offered.

The Museum invites you to take part in this summer's fun-filled educational nature camps! Visit the museum's website at: <http://bvmuseum.myriad.net>. You can also call Maria Lazo, Education Coordinator, at 776-2195 if you have questions or need additional information.

Adult Learning Center open for classes all summer

The Adult Learning Center, 1700 Palasota Drive, offers GED and ESL classes throughout the summer. Registration begins in July. For complete information, call 775-9294.

GED DAY CLASSES

**No June registration*

New Student Day Class - Registration - July 19

Students must attend **both** registration and orientation sessions.

Session 1 is on Tuesday mornings 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Session 2 is on Wednesday mornings 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

The student must stay four hours each day.

GED NIGHT CLASSES

New Student Evening Class - Registration - July 26

Students must attend **both** registration and orientation sessions.

Session 1 is on Tuesday evening 6pm – 8pm

Session 2 is on Thursday evening 6pm – 8pm

GED Class Schedule:

Mornings – Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Afternoons – Mon. - Fri., 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

(This class is reserved for our out-of-school youth, 16 & 17 yr. old)

Evening – Tue. & Thur., 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

ESL DAY & NIGHT CLASS REGISTRATION

**No June registration*

New Student Day Class - Registration - July 18 - 9 a.m.

New Student Night Class - Registration - July 19 - 6 p.m.



Fireworks display at the George Bush Presidential Library. *photo courtesy Butch Ireland, The Eagle*

Leaving town this summer? How to keep things safe at home

Whether your summer months mean having fun at home or at an exotic vacation locale, a little common sense will keep your belongings safe and secure.

Before you leave town

Bryan Police Officer Walt Melnyk offers some simple tips for those who might leave home for a short trip or even an extended vacation:

- Make sure all doors and windows are locked
- Use automatic timers on interior lights
- Put away all outside items, such as toys, ladders and lawn furniture
- Tell a trusted neighbor that you will be gone
- Halt delivery of your mail and newspapers
- Activate your home's alarm system

If you have questions, contact Officer Melnyk at (979) 209-5532 or melnykw@bryantx.gov.

Practice fireworks safety for this July 4

Whether it's New Year's Eve or the Fourth of July, fireworks can be a fun, bold, colorful and loud way to celebrate. But keeping the celebration safe should be first on the list.

According to the American Medical Association, 7 out of 100 persons injured by fireworks are hospitalized, with 40 percent of those injured being children 14 and under. Many of these unintentional injuries result from improper use of fireworks and typically involve burns to the hands, eyes and head.

It is illegal to possess, store, sell or discharge fireworks within 5,000 feet of the Bryan city limits. Illegal discharge of fireworks is considered a Class-C misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$500.

What exactly constitutes fireworks? According to Inspector Warren Fowler of the Bryan Fire Department, it is any device that uses the process of combustion for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect for entertainment. Yes, Fowler says that includes sparklers.

The City of Bryan encourages you to enjoy

this Fourth of July. Whether you picnic in one of Bryan's beautiful parks or enjoy a local Independence Day celebration, be safe and have a great time!

SUGGESTED CELEBRATIONS

Fourth of July parade — Heritage Park, Bryan — 10:30 a.m.-noon

Sponsored by the Brazos Heritage Society, this annual children's parade features decorated bicycles, wagons, pets and more. Patriotic music and light refreshments are enjoyed beneath towering oaks in Bryan's East-Side Historic District.

Fireworks! — George Bush Presidential Library Center

The George Bush Presidential Library Center and Texas A&M University hosts the College Station Noon Lions Club's annual Fourth of July Celebration, "I Love America." Costumed characters, live music, special museum hours, refreshments and the traditional fireworks display.

11 Keys to Fireworks Safety

1. Buy your fireworks from a reputable vendor
2. Read and follow all label directions
3. Always supervise children and never allow children under 10 to play with fireworks, including sparklers
4. Ensure everyone is out of range
5. Light fireworks in open area away from homes and motor vehicles, and ensure the ground is not dry
6. Always keep a bucket of water handy for emergencies, as well as to douse any fireworks that do not ignite
7. Keep unused fireworks away from the area where fireworks are being lit
8. Never try to relight fireworks if they do not go off
9. Never hold fireworks in your hand when lighting them
10. Never mix and match fireworks or string/tie them together
11. Always demonstrate responsible behaviors around fireworks



Juneteenth celebration planned in Bryan

The local observance and celebration of Juneteenth will take place June 18 in Bryan, featuring a parade that begins at Kemp Elementary School and ends at Sadie Thomas Park.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and is expected to feature dance and drill teams, trail riders and civic organizations. The event is open to the entire community.

Juneteenth is an African-American celebration on June 19, the day in 1865 that news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached slaves in Galveston, Texas — two years after it was issued. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the end of slavery in the United States.

For more information about the local celebration: (979) 823-7106 or (979) 822-7187.



Compost equipment operator Dennis Krc holds up a handful of compost, available to citizens for a penny per pound.

Compost: Bryan's dirty little secret

It makes your lawn greener and your flower beds more vibrant. It might even make you the envy of your neighborhood. And for a penny a pound, the rich compost produced and sold by the City of Bryan might also be the best deal around.

Bryan has a compost facility?

Bryan opened its Compost Facility on Pleasant Hill Road in 1993 and annually converts thousands of tons of leaves, grass, tree limbs, weeds and bio-solids into a nutrient-rich soil amendment. Use the Bryan compost regularly and you can eliminate the need for chemical fertilizers, saving you money while reducing waterway contamination.

Manufacturing compost at the Bryan facility diverts tons of "green waste" from the local landfill, and the entire process is regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Green in your yard, green in your pocket

Bryan compost costs only a penny per pound, or \$20 per ton. And residents of Bryan or College Station are allowed to get rid of brush twice a month, at no cost, when a current solid waste bill and valid driver license is presented. Disposing of brush more than twice a month will incur a modest fee.

Getting there

The Bryan Compost Center is located only minutes from Historic Downtown at 2988 Pleasant Hill Road. That's west of North Harvey Mitchell Parkway, just off Sandy Point Road. For more information, call the facility at (979) 361-0859.

The City of Bryan Compost Facility: *Turning Green Waste into Greener Gardens.*

Bryan channel gets a dose of reality

The City of Bryan has produced a magazine-style video program for several years. It's typical of most city television programs in that it features interviews with city staff and focuses on various projects and events.

While done well, it wasn't terribly captivating.

Recently, the city's Public Information and Media Specialist offices decided to retool this core program for Channel 16 into something that wasn't just interesting, but *fun* to watch. To do that, the production team had to break away from the formula they — and all other government channel staffs across the country — had used for so long.

Because today's most popular genre of television programming is the reality show, the Channel 16 team decided to reshape *Bryan: An Inside Look* into that format. So the way each segment is shot resembles those in a reality show and actually makes the city staff the show's "characters" who are simply dealing with everyday circumstances. Subplots exist and the audience gets to check back with those characters every now and then throughout the

30-minute program. A good dose of humor is also infused throughout the show, which makes it even more fun to watch.

The goal, obviously, is to increase viewership of Channel 16 and awareness of this and other shows.

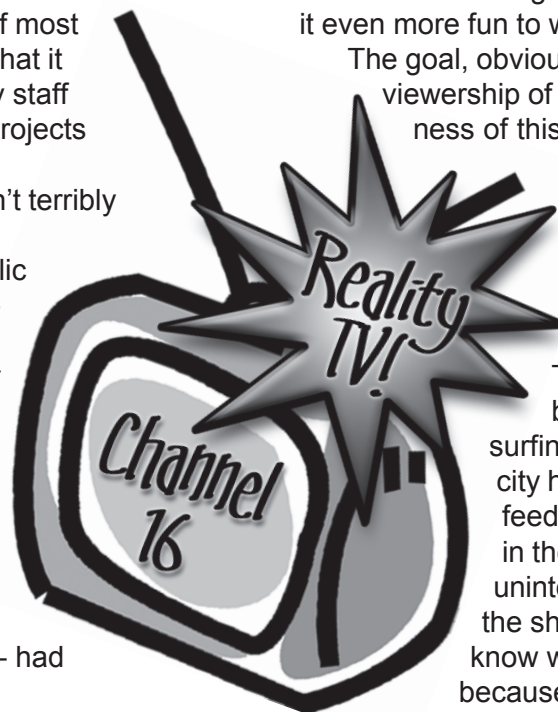
In the past, city staff would occasionally receive remarks from citizens who happened upon *Bryan: An Inside Look* on Channel 16.

They weren't looking for it, but found it while channel surfing. With the new format, city hall is suddenly hearing feedback in ways that it has not in the past. People are still unintentionally happening upon the show, but now they want to know when it comes on again because what they saw was funny,

yet interesting.

Even the media has mentioned the program, comparing it to a smart and witty NBC series called *The Office*. That's pretty high praise for government programming.

Bryan: An Inside Look airs on Channel 16 (Cox Communications) weeknights at 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tell us what you think — send comments to Public Information Officer Jay Socol at jsocol@bryantx.gov.



Now showing

Ch. 16 programming is split between the City of Bryan and the Bryan Independent School District.

BISD SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Wed. 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOOLS

Daily 9 a.m., Noon, 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m.

THE REAL WORLD CONNECTION

Daily 10 a.m., 4:30 p.m. (school year only)

VIKING FOOTBALL

Wed. 6 p.m. (school year only)

BRYAN'S BEST

Thurs. & Fri. 7 a.m., 9 p.m. (school year only)

ENCORE - Sat. 6 p.m.

BHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daily 11 a.m. (school year only)

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

(live) 2nd & 4th Tuesdays (workshop) 3 p.m.; (regular) 6 p.m.; (rebroadcast) Mon. 2 & 4 p.m.; Tues. 6 & 8 p.m.; Wed. 6 & 8 a.m.; Sat. noon & 2 p.m.

CITY OF BRYAN PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

(live) Thurs. 6 p.m.; (rebroadcast) Sat. & Sun. 5 p.m.

BRYAN: AN INSIDE LOOK

Weeknights 5 p.m. & 10 p.m.

CITY OF BRYAN & BRYAN ISD

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Daily

CITY & SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONTACT INFORMATION

Daily

2005-06 Bryan ISD School Supply List

Pre-Kindergarten Students

- 1 Box of crayons (8 or 16 regular size)
- 1 Box of baby wipes
- 1 Package of paper plates
- 1 Package of safety pins
- 2 Box of facial tissue (Kleenex®)
- 2 4 oz. Bottles of Elmer's® school glue
- 1 Regular sized backpack

*(Please do not send scissors, play dough, watercolors, or school boxes. DO NOT LABEL THESE ITEMS. Thank you for purchasing only these specific items.)

Kindergarten Students

- 1 5-inch pair of scissors (metal/Fiskars® preferred)
- 2 8 oz. Plastic bottles of **white** liquid glue (Elmer's® preferred)
- 12 #2 pencils
- 2 Boxes of small size crayons, 24 count
- 1 Box washable markers (Crayola® basic colors preferred)
- 1 Box of bright colored watercolors
- 4 Pocket folders (solid colors & no brads)
- 1 School supply box, small plastic
- 1 Bath towel for rest time (no mats)
- 2 Box of facial tissue (Kleenex®) large box
- 1 Box of baby wipes
- 1 Box quart size Ziploc® baggies

Pre-First Students

- 1 5-inch pair of scissors (Fiskars® preferred)
- 1 4 oz. Plastic bottle of **white** liquid glue (Elmer's® preferred)
- 2 Primary pencils (fat size)
- 1 Boxes of small sized crayons, 16 or 24 count
- 1 Box washable markers (Crayola® basic colors preferred)
- 1 Bath towel for rest time, labeled with child's name, no mats
- 2 Box of facial tissue (Kleenex®) large box
- 4 Pocket folders, without brads (solid colors)
- 1 School box (small)
- 1 Red eraser
- 2 Glue sticks
- 1 Box quart size Ziploc® baggies
- 1 Box gallon size plastic baggies

Grade 1 Students

- 1 5-inch pair of scissors (Fiskars® preferred)
- 2 8 oz. Plastic bottle of **white** liquid glue (Elmer's® preferred)
- 12 #2 pencils
- 1 Boxes of small sized crayons, 24 count
- 1 Box bright watercolor markers
- 2 Box of facial tissue (Kleenex®) large box
- 4 Pocket folders, without brads (solid colors)
- 1 Spiral notebook (wide ruled)
- 1 School box (plastic, size of cigar box)
- 1 Pink pearl eraser
- 1 Wooden ruler with metric and standard markings
- 1 Box quart size plastic bags (Ziploc®)

Grade 2 Students

- 1 5-inch pair of scissors (metal/Fiskars® preferred)
- 2 Glue sticks
- 12 #2 yellow pencils
- 1 Boxes of small sized crayons, 24 count (USA made)
- 1 Red marking pencil or pen
- 2 Box of facial tissue (Kleenex®) large box
- 6 Pocket folders, with brads
- 2 Spiral composition notebook (wide ruled)
- 1 School box (plastic, size of cigar box)
- 1 Pink pearl eraser
- 1 Wooden ruler with metric and standard markings
- 1 Highlighter
- 1 Box quart size plastic bags (Ziploc®)

Grade 3 Students

- 1 3rd Grade handwriting tablet
- 1 5-inch pair of scissors (metal/Fiskars® preferred)
- 1 8 oz. Plastic bottle of **white** liquid glue
- 12 #2 pencils
- 1 Boxes of small sized crayons, 24 count
- 1 Red marking pencil or pen
- 2 Box of facial tissue (Kleenex®) large box
- 6 Pocket folders, with brads
- 2 Spiral composition notebook (wide ruled)
- 1 School supply box (plastic)
- 1 Big eraser
- 1 Wooden ruler with metric and standard markings
- 2 Notebook paper (wide ruled)

Grade 4 Students

- 1 Box of pencil map colors
- 2 5 inch pair of scissors (metal/Fiskars® preferred)
- 1 4 oz. Plastic bottle of **white** liquid glue
- 12 #2 pencils
- 1 Boxes of small sized crayons, 24 count
- 2 Red ballpoint pens
- 4 Blue or black ballpoint pens
- 2 Box of facial tissue (Kleenex®) large box
- 6 Pocket folders, with brads
- 2 Spiral composition notebook (wide ruled)
- 4 Notebook paper, wide-ruled, 3 hole punched
- 1 School box (plastic, size of cigar box)
- 2 Pink pearl erasers
- 1 Ruler with metric and standard markings
- 2 Highlighters

Grade 5 Students

- 2 Box of pencil map colors
- 1 5 in. pair of scissors
- 1 Binder, 3-ring (with 2 inch rings)
- 2 Notebook paper, (wide ruled, 3-hole punched)
- 1 4 oz. Plastic bottle of **white** liquid glue
- 12 #2 pencils
- 1 Plastic zipper pocket (for pencils, etc.)
- 1 Boxes of small sized crayons, 24 count (USA made)
- 1 Box of bright water color markers
- 2 Red ballpoint pen
- 2 Blue or black ballpoint pen
- 2 Box of facial tissue (Kleenex®) large box
- 10 Pocket folders, with brads (solid colors)
- 2 Spiral composition notebook (wide ruled, 70/80 pages)
- 2 Dry erase markers
- 1 Ruler with metric and standard markings
- 2 Highlighters
- 1 Large glue stick

Middle School (Grades 6, 7, & 8)

- 12 #2 pencils *
- 1 Ruler (metric and standard markings)
- 2 Highlighters
- 2 Blue/black ballpoint pens *
- 1 Red ballpoint pens
- 1 dividers (8 sections for 3-ring binders)
- 1 3-ring binder (3 inch) *
- 1 Pencil bag for notebook
- 1 Pencil map colors (box)
- 2 Notebook paper, (wide ruled, 3-hole) *

* Bring the 1st day of school

2005-06 Bryan ISD Calendar

August 9 - 12, 2005	Teachers Report Professional Development
August 15, 2005	Preparation Day
August 16, 2005	First Day of School
September 5, 2005	Labor Day Holiday
September 27, 2005	End First Six Weeks
September 28, 2005	Begin Second Six Weeks
October 10, 2005	Professional Development
November 4, 2005	End Second Six Weeks
November 7, 2005	Begin Third Six Weeks
November 23-25, 2005	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 16, 2005	End Third Six Week
December 19, 2005-January 1, 2006	Winter Holidays
January 2, 2006	1/2 Prep. Day 1/2 Prof. Dev. Day
January 3, 2006	Begin Fourth Six Weeks
January 16, 2006	Martin Luther King Holiday
February 10, 2006	End Fourth Six Weeks
February 13, 2006	1/2 Prof. Dev. Day 1/2 Prep. Day
February 14, 2006	Begin Fifth Six Weeks
March 13 – 17, 2006	Spring Break
April 7, 2006	End Fifth Six Weeks
April 10, 2006	Begin Sixth Six Weeks
April 14, 2006	Good Friday Holiday/ Weather Day
April 16, 2006	Easter
April 17, 2006	Holiday/Weather Day
May 1, 2006	Professional Development
May 25, 2006	Last Day of School
May 27, 2006	Graduation Day
May 29, 2006	Memorial Day Holiday

*Weather days are student and staff holidays, unless bad weather or another emergency forces the closing of the district during the school year.